Pokagon State Park Interpretive Programs

June 17-30, 2016

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NATURE CENTER HOURS

and Other Park Events

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Open Daily 10 – 5 p.m.

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Potawatomi Inn Activities

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn. Take a leisurely 1-1.5 hour ride on our pontoon boat where you will be able to explore the first and second basin of Lake James. You will learn the history of the lake and Pokagon Sate Park in this fun tour. Check the front desk for launch times. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children under 12 years old. These can be purchased at the Boathouse.

Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



All programs are on Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Indiana State Park Interpretive Program Schedules Available at www.interpretiveservices.in.gov
The DNR Calendar is Available at www.calendar.in.gov

Friday (17th)

10:30 a.m. PURPLE MARTIN MADDNESS - Meet the Naturalist at the Potawatomi Inn Beach to learn more about these beautiful birds as we check-up on their nest boxes.

2:00 p.m. FRIENDLY NEIGHBORS - Won't you be my neighbor? Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a short talk and hike to learn about the different habitats at Pokagon State Park and animals that call them home.

Saturday (18th)

10:30 a.m. STINKY CRITTERS - Pee-yew! Stop in the Nature Center to check out some of our little stinkers and why they sometimes smell.



2:00 p.m. GEOLOGY JAUNT –Gather at the Inn's Main Entrance for a 2-hour jaunt along Trail 3. We'll explore glacial made lakes, marshes, ridges, and all of the life that these features support.

Sunday (19th)

8:30 a.m. MORNING MEANDER - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other summer wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.

Noon - 4:00 p.m. <u>FOLK MUSIC CONCERT</u> - Enjoy local folk musicians playing in a beautiful setting rain or shine at the Trine State Recreation Area's Wild Turkey Shelter. This concert is FREE thanks to the Steuben County Tourism! Park gate fees of \$7 in-state and \$9 out-of-state still apply.

Monday (20th)

10:30 a.m. <u>CRITTER FEEDING TIME</u> - Stop by the Nature Center to watch some of our resident reptiles and amphibians eating their breakfast!

2:00 p.m. WHAT DID THE FOX SAY? - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a short program to learn more about the red fox and tips for seeing one at Pokagon.



Hoosier Quest State Park Pin and Patch Program



This is a great program for all ages and families. There are fun activities that have you exploring all of our Indiana State Parks. Stop by the Nature Center any time and learn how you can earn a patch or pin!

Tuesday (21st)

10:30 a.m. THE LOWDOWN ON THE SLOWDOWN - Turtle trot on over to the Nature Center to meet up – close some of our turtles who call Pokagon home.

2:00 p.m. THE SUN DID IT! - It's a shining program taking place on the Nature Center front lawn. Join us and take home a memento from your Pokagon visit. It's *sun*sational!

Wednesday (22nd)

10:30 a.m. DANDY DANDELIONS - Whether you consider these plants a friend or foe, this program is for you. Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a fun taste, and a craft about these beneficial plants.

2:00 p.m. <u>POKAGON RAPTORS</u> - Learn about this fascinating group of birds, the birds of prey! The Naturalist will present a show 'n' tell program using different mounts and skins at the Nature Center.

Thursday (23rd)



10:30 a.m. <u>CCC CAMP HIKE</u> - Join the Naturalist on an easy stroll back in time to the days when the Civilian Conservation Corps helped build the park. Meet at the Nature Center.

2:00 p.m. BEYOND THE HOTDOG! - Looking for a way to expand your camping meals beyond burnt hotdogs? Stop by the Nature Center Front Lawn for campfire cooking tips, demonstrations, recipes, and maybe a taste!

Friday (24th)

10:30 a.m. BOARD GAMES WITH A WILD TWIST - Meet the Naturalist at the Inn's Lonidaw Lounge, the perfect spot to play a game on any day. Come enjoy some games that have a wild twist!

2:00 p.m. <u>LAKE LOOKING</u> - Come in your swim suits or shorts and meet the Naturalist at the Potawatomi Inn Beach for an aquatic investigation of Lake James. We'll be searching for the variety of life occurring along the shore and beneath the water's surface.

8:00 p.m. <u>LICHEN HIKIN'</u> - Join us at the Campground Gate's Bulletin Board for an evening stroll learning about lichens, the coolest things you have never heard of.

Saturday (25th)

10:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. <u>BICENTENNIAL STATE PARK HIKES</u> - Join the Indianapolis Hiking Club on one or both of their celebratory State Park Hikes today at Pokagon. Both hikes will start at the Trail Head for Trail 3 in the northeast corner of the Potawatomi Inn Parking Lot. For more information visit <u>www.indyhike.org</u>

2:00 p.m. <u>MEET THE SUPERS!</u> - Fly on over to the nature center to meet some of Pokagon's very own superheroes. Discover awesome powers from the super cool to the super weird!

8:30 p.m. <u>DENIZENS OF THE DARK</u> - As the sun sets many animals are beginning to wake up! Meet the Naturalist at the Campground Amphitheater to learn more about some of Pokagon's nocturnal animals.

Sunday (26th)

8:30 a.m. BIRDS BEFORE BREAKFAST - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other summer wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.

Monday (27th)

10:30 a.m. WHAT'S IN A NAME? - Meet the Naturalist at the Inn's Main Entrance for a hike along Trail 3. Along this pleasant 2-hour hike, you will learn how some of Pokagon's most famous features received their names.

2:00 p.m. SNAKES ALIVE! - Slither over to the Nature Center to see snakes up-close and learn more about these often misunderstood creatures.

Tuesday (28th)



10:30 a.m. <u>PIONEER USES OF NATURAL RESOURCES</u> - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center to learn more about how people used nature for medicine, tools and more!

Wednesday (29th)

7:30 p.m. FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC PATRIOTIC POPS CONCERT - Come enjoy this FREE Holiday Pops Concert. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for seating and arrive early to pick your spot for this special concert being held on the Potawatomi Inn's beach lawn. If you are staying in the campgrounds, walking is advised as parking near the Inn will be congested. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors at the Angola High School Auditorium.

Thursday (30th)

10:30 a.m. NATURE'S ODDITIES - Come see what you know about Pokagon's natural inhabitants! Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center to see a variety of organisms' remains and learn how each are related.

2:00 p.m. A FENTASTIC HIKE - Discover the plants and animals that call the special fen wetland habitats of Gentian Lake home. Gather at the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center for this short hike.